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Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Upcoming Webinars

- [Finding Your Focus: Tips for Early Career Success](#)
- [Starting Immigration Services at Your Library](#)
- [Big Trends in Small & Rural Libraries](#)

Mastering the Public Library Report

The Alaska State Library requires every public library that received a Public Library Assistance Grant to complete the annual [Public Library Report](#). By completing the report, Alaska public libraries maintain their eligibility to receive the Public Library Assistance grant and contribute important data to the [Public Libraries in the United States Survey \(PLS\)](#).

The PLS compiles data from over 9,000 public libraries and is recognized as the definitive source of information on the state of libraries in the United States. While the majority of the questions in the Alaska Public Library report are pulled directly from the PLS, the Alaska State Library has included additional questions that assist us in delivering services to Alaska libraries.

If the thought of completing the Public Library Report fills you with dread, consider attending the [July 13th Public Librarians' Chat: Preparing for the Public Library Report](#) at 11:00 am.

During the webinar, we will discuss how data from these reports is used, how to maneuver within the Library Report System Portal, how to avoid common reporting errors and what steps you can take now to prepare for reporting your library data.



Unsure about the Public Library Report?
We can help!

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Alaska State Library Plan

[**Library Services and Technology Act Alaska State Plan 2018-2022**](#)

The purpose of the Alaska State Plan is to show how LSTA funds will be used to advance library services in Alaska.

Included in the Alaska State Plan is language describing how LSTA funds will be used to *provide training and professional development*, including *continuing education*, to enhance the skills of the current library workforce and leadership, and advance the delivery of library and information services, and enhance efforts to recruit future professionals to the field of library and information.

Goal 1: Alaska libraries will support lifelong learning opportunities for all Alaskans, includes the Objective: Alaska librarians will pursue the knowledge and skills necessary to better serve the diverse and dispersed population of Alaska, and four corresponding activities.

Activity 1.15: Offer training and consulting services for library staff in new technologies, traditional library skills, and specialized service or topics

Activity 1.16: Award scholarships for professional certification or advanced degrees

Activity 1.17: Provide continuing education grants to library staff to attend state, regional, and national conferences and other training events

Activity 1.18: Support state, regional, and national leadership development programs for library staff working in all types of libraries.

[**Library Development Training & Continuing Education Calendar**](#)